has been sanctioning General Line of Credit (GLC) to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for meeting the production/marketing refinance requirements of State Co-operative banks (SCBs)/District Central-Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). Credit limit of Rs.6500 crores have been sanctioned during each of the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04. RBI is not in favour of increasing the GLC limit in view of its monetary implications.

Rationalisation of fire insurance policies

1672. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority has decided to rationalise fire insurance policies of buildings;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the issue has been referred to the Tariff Advisory Committee; and

(d) if so, what are the recommendations of the Tariff Advisory Committee on the IRDA's proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir. Controlling and regulating the rates, advantages, terms and conditions that may be offered by insurance companies in respect of fire and other classes of general insurance is the responsibility of the Tariff Advisory Committee (TAC), a Statutory Body established under the Insurance Act, 1938.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Floating of equity shares by companies

1673. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies which floated their equity shares with

premium since 1994, year-wise;

(b) the number of companies whose share are being traded below the par at the stock exchanges.

(c) if so, the reasons therefor.

(d) whether the proposal for premium was carefully vetted by the SEBI or it was shown as inflated; and

(e) whether Government propose to inquire into this racket which had the nexus among SEBI, DCA and companies and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITIHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Effect of private sector participation

†1674. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the impact on the public sector insurance companies after participation of private sector;

(b) the details of business transacted by the public sector insurance companies during the last three years; and

(c) the details of insurance deposits accepted by insurance companies of public sector and private sector in the last financial year, due to competition with private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) After the sector has been opened for private participation insurance premium volume has increased. Public sector insurance companies have been maintaining their predominant position in the insurance sector.

(b) As per information furnished by the IRDA, total business transacted by the LIC and the four public sector insurance companies were Rs.44691.83 crores (F.Y. 2001), Rs.61739.49 crores (F.Y 2002) and 59301.69 crores (provisional) (F.Y. 2003).

(c) IRDA has intimated that Insurance business accepted by the public and the private sector insurance companies during the financial

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.